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We have to sincerely thank the Russian Press, which in this instance we may assume as the equivalent of the Russian Government, for the information it has given us as to the importance attaching in its eyes to Tibet. For more than a hundred years we have been content to be next-door neighbours to this most unfriendly of nations, and have never thought it worth our while to take any official notice of its peculiar ideas of shutting itself off from communication with the rest of the world. The situation was in fact very much like that of DANIEL and the lions—DANIEL did not care a stiver for the lions, and the lions did not care a stiver for DANIEL. In all this we have committed a grave mistake; Tibet is really the key to our communications with China, and affords the only practical route for a line of railway connecting India and the Flowery Land. What is Russia's interest in Tibet, and why she should give us this, doubtless disinterested, information, is, however, not so apparent. Russia's point of nearest approach to Tibet is the highest crest of the mountains over the Chitral valley, where the distance, as the crow flies is some four hundred miles, and that over the highest mountain range in the world: the route is, moreover, in Afghanistan and British hands, and it may be added, has never been traversed by mortal man. On the north Russian territory is divided from Tibet by some six hundred miles of mountain and desert, which are, moreover, in possession of China. The intermediate countries are, besides, amongst the most impracticable on the face of the earth; and this not so much on account of the unfriendly character of the populations as

from physical causes of climate and configuration. Recent travellers, both English and Russian, have experienced these difficulties of the road, and have found many thousands of square miles of the intervening country absolutely without inhabitants, owing to its enormous elevation, from 11,000 to 14,000 feet, preventing the growth of the ordinary food-crops, as well as rendering travelling both difficult and dangerous. Russia's great traveller, PERELVALSKY, in crossing these wastes on more than one occasion had to retire before the difficulty of the roads, and it would be absurd to suppose that what a well-equipped voyager, with every appliance for overcoming difficulties, was unable to accomplish, could in the ordinary course of traffic become a high road for intercourse. Russia, in point of fact, has no legitimate interest whatever in Tibet, and in her querulous protest that a British occupation would stand in the way of her communications with China, she somewhat naively lets the cat out of the bag, and shows how the interest she has been lately taking in these remote districts is really actuated by considerations purely aggressive.

Very much the same may be said of her ill-humour over the recent visit of Lord Curzon to the Persian Gulf. It is not customary in the intercourse of civilized nations to exhibit ill-will over actions legitimate in themselves, and strictly in accordance with international practice undertaken by another Power. We have not considered ourselves called on to interfere in Russia's breaches of solemn engagements, as, for instance, in her recent actions in Finland. It would be easy to prove that our own interests in Finland are really very extensive—far more so than those of Russia in either Persia or Tibet. The courtesy of nations has never permitted interference with the private affairs of one's neighbours. Much has been said and written as to the general astuteness of Russian diplomacy. If by this we mean the ability to gain her ends without having recourse to warlike measures we may accept the phrase as a truism; it is otherwise if we come to analyse her methods, of recent years at all events. The art of diplomacy is generally accepted as implying the ability to conceal the weak points of a policy and to succeed in representing the worse as the better cause; in this Russia has in her recent diplomacy most egregiously failed, and her successes have been due to her proficiency in the art of bullying the weaker. Against a weak and corrupt Power as China, it is true, this policy has been eminently successful, but it is at best a dangerous game for the user. Tried with a Power possessing self-respect and able to see the whole of the game, it exposes her to having her own flank turned at any moment, and all the more so when she is unable to show that she has come into the contest with clean hands. In this respect she stands a bad chance when pitted against such a Power as Japan, not to say Britain. Japan has sufficient astuteness and knowledge of the game to be able to comprehend that Russia, as she stands to-day, whatever power she may have of annoyance, is incapable of striking, and by her senseless threats only brings contempt on herself. This has been accentuated in her recent correspondence, and her weakness has been amply shown in her last contest of wits. She condescendingly offered Japan certain concessions in Corea, forgetting apparently that Corea was not hers to dispose of. Japan saw the weak spot at once, and was not slow to take advantage of it. The dispute was not about Corea at all, she replied—it was about Russian encroachment in Manchuria; what she required was that Russia should give effect to her reiterated engagement with respect to its evacuation. That was the purport of her Note. After this she took the opportunity of suggesting that Russia should be quick about it. Russia had been assiduously seeking to force Japan into taking the first step towards a breach of the peace; she found the tables most effectively turned against herself. A similar blunder has been made with regard to Britain, and it is to be hoped it will be met in an equally effective manner. To go back a little, we spoke above of Russia's showing of her hand with regard to Tibet. It is interesting to mark the excuse given on behalf of Russia for meddling in the affairs of that country; there happens to exist in a remote corner of Mongolia a Lamaist monastery which possesses a real live BUDDHA in touch with him of Lhasa. England of course has many religious communities in her midst holding obedience to the Pope, but no Englishman in his wildest moments ever thought that this entitled him to interfere between the King of Italy and the Pope. Well, it seems that at the instigation of some Russian agent the BUDDHA of Khamba has been preaching to him of Lhasa, and offer-

ing him the friendship of Russia if he will only turn out the objectionable English. Such is the amount of interest in Tibet possessed by Russia. Acting on this, the Dalai Lama was instigated to send a mission to Russia—according to the usual Russian formula—"for commercial purposes only." Having so got in the edge of the wedge, Russia at once begins the modern game. Britain, finding out what was going on, reminded the Dalai Lama of his former promises about demarcating the frontier. He of Lhasa, thinking he had now got a powerful friend at court, at whose mere growl the Englishman would at once drop on his knees and retire gracefully, refused to give any reply, and when pressed, like the little vulgar boy, put his fingers to his nose. Russia, who had already committed herself with the Khamba Lama, was thus placed in an awkward position familiar enough to beginners at the great game of poker. She found herself with no alternative but either to show up her cards or carry on the bluff. Unfortunately for her own reputation she chose the latter. What promises she has made to the Dalai Lama does not as yet appear, but unfortunately for the game the British Government has for once taken heart of grace, and has continued its advance. Now comes in the most interesting part of the whole; stung by the conspicuous want of success of her former moves, Russia, with a rare belief in her own prowess, instead of retreating, has apparently determined to persevere, and accordingly has been trying on the worn out game of bully. All that would be necessary would, she tells us, through the *Novoe Vremya*, be to exercise a "little pressure upon certain points" and create a slight diversion in some directions that would be disagreeable to British politicians! Unfortunately for her own game she has been rather premature. Relying on the presumed geographical ignorance of her former confiding friend, France, she has told her that the presence of England in Tibet is only to complete her communications with the Yangtze Valley by opening a line of railway through the coveted possession. Times have unfortunately changed, and her French allies, who know pretty well all the available ways of entrance to western China, are not likely to be startled by a project, even on the authority of Russia, or become believers in the feasibility of a railway at an average elevation of 12,000 feet, and crossing passes still higher, which are, moreover, blocked by snow for nine months in the year. In fact, the extraordinary means that Russia is driven to to maintain her former position in Central Asia are an unwitting confession how weak is her present hold, and how that conscience that makes cowards of us all tells her that a day of restitution is at hand when she will have to disgorge in turn her ill-gotten plunder. Such, she feels, will be the effect if her first check, and it is the thought of this that is forcing her to forget her ordinary prudence.

We are obliged to hold over our "Bridge" column until Tuesday next.

At the Hongkong Chess Club last night a combined team of the Law and Press members beat the rest by 4 games to 2.

At 4.30 p.m. to-day Mrs. F. H. May will launch the new s.s. *Lia Tien* at the Hongkong and Whampoa Company's dock at Kowloon. The Company's steam launch will leave Queen's Statue Wharf at 4 o'clock.

Among the passengers south by the s.s. *Lightning* yesterday were Messrs. O. J. Barnes, one of the most prominent Rugby three-quarter in the Colony, and a brilliant forward in the hockey team, and F. C. Barlow, well known locally, particularly in musical circles.

Yesterday morning Dr. Noble reported at the Central Police Station that there was a dead body lying by the roadside at Mountain View, the Peak. The remains were removed for examination. It is believed that the body, which was wrapped up in a bag, had been dumped in the manner with which we are only too familiar in Hongkong. Cause of death has not been certified.

An Act has been drafted, and laid before the Civil Commission in Manila, by Vice-Governor Ide, providing for the payment of all contracts, debts, and obligations in Philippine pesos, where the same are contracted in currency which is not legal tender. The purpose of this Act is to protect both debtors and creditors against the fluctuations in the value of the Mexican dollar.

The address of the community of Hongkong to H.E. Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., is, as we have already announced, on view at the P. & O. offices. It is a handsome testimonial and well worth inspection. A sandal-wood box bearing Sir Henry's monogram in silver on the lid contains the address, which has covers of green velvet heavily embroidered with silver, the centre-piece being a representation of the Hongkong emblem, and lined with satin. There are altogether 1,257 signatures—683 European and Indian, 93 Chinese in English characters, and 506 in Chinese characters.

New York was reported in a panic over the rumoured outbreak of hostilities.

Mr. G. W. Palmer, M.P. for Reading, was to start for a tour to Japan and the Far East in the first week of the New Year.

Captain von Tiedemann, lecturing early this month at the Military Society of Berlin, eulogised Lord Kitchener's ardour, bravery, and humanity.

A despatch dated Calcutta, January 9th, says:—The Foreign Office here has received an intimation that Colonel Younghusband has resumed his forward movement from Chumbi Valley to meet the Chinese Amban, who is reported to have left Lhasa.

We are informed that Herr Albert Friedenthal, the famous pianist, is about to take a tour round the world, and will play for a short season in Hongkong. Herr Friedenthal was here in 1892, and has just completed a most successful tour in Southern Europe.

It appears that in certain particulars the account of the fire at the Gas Company, which appeared in our issue of yesterday, was incorrect in that the fire occurred through a match being set on fire by some blasting operations in close proximity, the coal, stored underneath, being damaged by fire and sea-water. The loss was on 500 tons of Yubari (Japan) coal, and not on 2,000 tons of Cardiff coal, the claim being settled at once for \$2,000.

Bishop Dougherty, of Vigan, who passed through Hongkong last October, en route for Manila, has been stoned by a mob in the town of Laoag. He was not injured, one stone only striking him on the leg. The province of Ilocos Norte, if the reports which have reached Manila from the Aglipayanos are to be believed, is in an uproar. The towns of Badoe, Batak San Nicolas, and Paway also mobbed and molested the distinguished Roman Catholic Bishop.

A home paper last month wrote:—The last two Volunteer Fleet cruisers which left Odessa for the Far East carried between them 52 naval guns of various calibres and 18 quick-firing ordnance for the Russian Pacific Squadron. Although such warlike consignments are entered on the ships' manifests as different kinds of general cargo, the Turkish authorities are perfectly well aware of the nature of the material passing through the Bosphorus and Dardanelles. When specially picked troops are embarked from the Black Sea for the Far East they are invariably described on the ship's papers and bill of lading as "young recruits."

Warren's Circus, which will be well-remembered in Hongkong, had a somewhat unpleasant experience at Kurunegala, Ceylon, at the beginning of this month. Because the natives were refused half-prices for admission, they banded themselves together to boycott the show, on the fourth night of its appearance there. A large throng assembled outside the tent, and when the performance commenced, proceeded to throw showers of stones inside. The assistance of the police had to be requisitioned, the performance was stopped, and the rioters were promptly dispersed, but Mr. Warren refused to perform there again, and the next morning the company left for Colombo for a short season.

THE NEW BLAKE SCHOLARSHIPS.

PRESENTED BY HONGKONG CHINESE.
Details of the Blake scholarship are now to hand. When Sir Henry Blake left the Colony leading Chinese gentlemen promised to subscribe two scholarships for Chinese to bear his name, and a large committee, with principal officers as follows, was instituted for the purpose:—Hon. Dr. Ho Kai (chairman), Hon. Wei Yuk (vice-chairman), Messrs. Fung Wa Chiu, and Lee Chu Pak (hon. secretaries), and Mr. Ho Fook (treasurer). Commencing from 1905, a scholarship of \$150 will be awarded each year to the boy of Queen's College who proves himself most proficient in translation from English into Chinese, Chinese into English, and English composition. Another scholarship of \$10 will be awarded each year to such students as will be nominated by the Chairman of Chinese Court of the College of Medicine.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE DINNER.

The annual Oxford and Cambridge Dinner took place in the Hongkong Hotel last night, the Bishop of Victoria being in the chair, and Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., in the vice-chair. The following were present:—Messrs. C. E. H. Beavis (Oxford), R. E. O. Bird (Oxford), Dr. Barnett (Cambridge), Messrs. R. J. Birbeck (Cambridge), F. M. Broadbent (Cambridge), Rev. G. A. Bunbury (Oxford), P. H. Crofton (Cambridge), C. Clements (Oxford), T. S. Dunn (Cambridge), C. H. Falloun (Cambridge), A. G. M. Fletcher (Oxford), P. W. Goldring (Oxford), H. H. J. Gompertz (Oxford), A. W. Grant (Cambridge), E. R. Hallifax (Oxford), J. Hays (Cambridge), Capt. Hurley (Cambridge), Rev. F. Isely (Cambridge), Messrs. B. James (Oxford), R. F. Johnston (Oxford), C. D. Melbourne (Cambridge), C. McI. Messer (Cambridge), G. N. Orme (Oxford), Rev. S. E. Phillips (Cambridge), Messrs. G. A. Richardson (Cambridge), P. W. Sergeant (Oxford), E. H. Sharp (Oxford), Mr. W. Slade (Oxford), Bishop of Victoria (Cambridge), Messrs. F. W. Warren (Oxford), W. On (Oxford), E. D. C. Wolfe (Cambridge), J. R. Wood (Cambridge), and G. H. Wakeman (Cambridge).

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE WHITAKER WRIGHT CASE.

LONDON, 26th January, 3.45 p.m.

SENSATIONAL END TO CASE—SENTENCE AND DEATH.

Whitaker Wright, the Globe financier, has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

LONDON, 26th January, 4.30 p.m.

Whitaker Wright died at four o'clock from heart-failure.

THE "ZAFIRO" MISSING.

MANILA, 27th January, 9.16 p.m.

U.S. NAVAL AUTHORITIES CONTRADICT RUMOURS OF FOUNDERING.

The s.s. *Zafiro*, which sailed for Chemulpo, with marines, on December 29th, has not yet returned here. The naval authorities here deny all knowledge of her sinking.

[The above telegram is rather ambiguous, as it does not mention which *Zafiro* is the boat in question, nor does it make any mention of her arrival with the marines at Chemulpo, nor of her departure from that port. There is a *Zafiro* which was purchased, some years ago, by the U.S. Government, as an inter-island transport, and the *Zafiro*, a regular liner on the Hongkong-Manila route—of the China-Manila Steamship Co.—Ed. D.P.]

UPRISIN IN CAPE COLONY.

LONDON, January 27th, 11.50 a.m.

Windhoek has been besieged by 5,000 Hottentots, the total number of the rebels being estimated at 15,000. Terrible cruelties were practised upon the prisoners, who were burnt alive. The railway was destroyed.

[Windhoek is a settlement in Cape Colony, in Namaqualand, ten miles north of Ookiep, on the Ookiep-Port Nolloth Railway.—Ed. D.P.]

DISASTER IN PHILADELPHIA.

LONDON, January 27th, 11.50 a.m.

An explosion took place in the Harwick colliery, at Cheswick, Pennsylvania, as the result of which it is feared that 180 miners have lost their lives.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

RELEASE OF LYNCH.

LONDON, 25th January.

"Colonel" Lynch has been released on license. The *Daily Telegraph* says it is understood that the King intervened on his behalf, in recognition of the demonstrations he received on his visit to Ireland.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 25th January.

It is not expected in S. Petersburg that a reply will be presented to Japan for some days.

COREAN NEUTRALITY.

LONDON, 25th January.

Reuter's Agency at Seoul wires that the Korean Minister in S. Petersburg has telegraphed that Russia does not approve of Corea's declaration of neutrality.

THE AALESDUND FIRE.

LONDON, 25th January.

The town of Aalesund in Norway has been almost completely destroyed by fire; the population of 12,000 are homeless, and owing to the severity of the weather, their condition is terrible. Two German Atlantic liners have gone to afford relief and shelter.

ANOTHER CABINET COUNCIL.

LONDON, 25th January.

Another meeting of the Cabinet Council was held yesterday, which lasted nearly four hours.

DAMARALAND.

LONDON, 25th January.

The news from Damaraland is grave. Several attempts to relieve Okahandja have been repulsed with heavy loss. Five settlers with their wives and children have been murdered.

THE HONGKONG RACES.

YESTERDAY'S TRAINING.

Yesterday's training was conducted in ideal weather, a large number of spectators, mostly owners and their friends, being present. *Nurses* did a steady cantor; she is a wonderful pony, but has a terrible temper. All went with the utmost smoothness. Some of the times are as follows:—

Muscatel, 1-mile:—36, 1.15, 1.50, 2.25.
Pandur, 1-mile:—35, 1.10, 1.45, 2.20.
Algerine, 1-mile:—29, 1.19, 1.54, 2.27.
Discord, 1-mile, last 1/2:—35, 1.09.
Rare Rose, 1 1/2-mile, last mile:—34, 1.08, 1.44, 2.16.
Set, 3-mile, last 1/2:—35, 1.09.
Vancouver, 1-mile:—40, 1.16, 1.51, 2.24.
Daybreak, 1-mile, last 1/2:—34 1/2, 1.08, 1.40.
Rebel King, 1-mile, last 1/2:—33 1/2, 1.10 1/2, 1.46.
Sylph Rose, 1-mile:—37, 1.23 1/2, 1.47, 2.23.
Tai-yat and Modesty 1-mile:—35, 1.11, 1.49, 2.22 1/2.
Rocket, 1-mile:—37, 1.11, 1.44 1/2, 2.19.
Marchal Niel Rose, 1-mile:—35, 1.09, 1.48, 2.20 1/2.
Lord Algy, 1-mile:—34, 1.11, 1.48, 2.22 1/2.
Regreted Clifton, 1-mile:—36 1/2, 1.14, 1.51 1/2, 2.28, 3.05.
Dormouse and Lumberer, 1-mile:—41, 1.19, 1.56, 2.30.
Nurses, 1-mile:—33, 1.11 1/2, 1.49, 2.22 1/2.
Chieftain and Tee-To-Tun, 1-mile:—34 1/2, 1.09, 1.46, 2.21 1/2.
Peck and Zoufall, 1-mile:—36 1/2, 1.14, 1.51, 2.26 1/2.
Reed Torrie and Ben Roy 1 1/2-mile:—14, 1.19, 1.54, 2.30, 3.16.
Standard and Growler, 1-mile:—33 1/2, 1.09 1/2, 1.46 1/2, 2.21 1/2.
Mince Pie and Noddy, 1-mile last 1/2:—37, 1.13 1/2, 1.49 1/2.
Saturday will be the next general turn-out.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE REGISTRATION OF DOMESTIC SERVANTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."
28th January.

Sir,—The correspondence on the above subject which appears in your issue of this morning is, to say the least of it, very disheartening, if not actually alarming. Presuming that such correspondence is translated and finds its way under special editorial into the Native Press, both here and in Canton, may we not expect a return of that feeling and conduct which was experienced in 1857-60? What, I should like to know, will be the effect on the average domestic servant? Will he improve?

Such indifference, as shown in that letter from the Acting Colonial Secretary to the Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., is what the white people have had patiently to submit to for the last ten years or perhaps longer; for the unaltered policy has been: "On no account must there be any interference with Native Freedom; regardless of the extent to which the white people might be inconvenienced or even have to suffer, the steady grinding of that axe must not be interrupted." Nor has it been, and to-day the native servant is becoming dangerous. Happy they who know how to help themselves. The stable-door will not be closed until after the horse has bolted. And, then, in the face of some scandal, something will be done. Twenty-five years ago the white man was master in his own household, to-day the native is. You dare not correct him. You dare not attempt to put him through a course of training where a little firmness is necessary to convince him of his many mistakes or to check his uncleanly habits. You are absolutely at his mercy, and at the mercy of the sitting magistrate. Between the two your efforts at housekeeping are difficult and trying in the extreme, if not an absolute failure.

A magnanimous British Colonial Government decrees, according to the correspondence above referred to, that this unhappy state of things must continue for an indefinite period. What are we coming to, Mr. Editor, and where shall we land? After the general apathy shown in that letter, should developments in the north mature suddenly, which they may do, the difficulties with native servants will become very much greater immediately, resulting almost in a state of revolt. A warning note.—Yours, etc.,

OLD RESIDENT.

CHINESE SERVANTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 26th January.
Sir,—Hongkong has many troubles to put up with. The latest is the one particularly experienced by the European ladies of Hongkong, and more acutely than by men, as they put it in their petition. Red tapeism apart, gallantry only might be expected to do duty. If gallantry fails and this stern sex be determined to be indifferent to the comforts of the weaker vessel, as a last resort the fair should go to the fair for relief. That relief is not far to seek. Go to Japan; study European domestic life there. You will find that Japanese maids, young and old, are engaged to do all domestic work, and they have proved quite satisfactory. Import them here. Let them replace Chinese boys. Give them a fair trial and you will wonder if there ever existed any trouble about domestic servants. I speak from personal experience. I have travelled in Japan from one end to another. I have moved in society and have seen in family houses these gentle Japanese maids working with a cheerfulness, sweetness, and obedience all their own. Others who have resided or travelled there can confirm this experience.—Yours, etc.,
FELLOW-SUFFERER.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY CO., LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., was held yesterday at the Company's offices, Hon. C. W. Dickinson (chairman) presided, and there were also present Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. J. H. Lewis, N. A. Siebs, A. J. Raymond and E. Shelton (directors), T. Arnold, G. M. Bain, W. H. Gaskell, R. K. Leigh, J. R. Michael, S. J. Michael, M. S. Northcote, W. Parlane, H. W. Slade, F. R. Smith, Ho Fook, Ho Kam Tong, Ho Tung, Ho Cheong Shiu, and A. Shelton Hooper (secretary).

The SECRETARY having read the notice calling the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen,—It is matter of regret to your directors that the result of the past year's working falls so far short of its immediate predecessors. The chief deficiency is in the profit derived from sales of property, which amounts to only \$86,000 as compared with \$332,000 the previous year and \$275,000 in 1901. Tight money, the uncertainty as regards exchange, doubts as to the effect of local legislation, and more recently fears engendered by the political outlook, have all tended to diminish the demand for property. The profit shown is derived from the sale of only two properties. Then again our rent-roll has been disappointing. We have not at the present time houses ready for occupation, which at reasonable rentals, would bring in not less than \$4,000 per annum, and for which so soon as the law dealing with the over-crowded districts of the City is enforced (there should be no difficulty in finding tenants). We are in short a little short of the times. In addition to this I would remind you that our practice is to charge to revenue each year all interest on development expenditure so that when buildings are completed they stand in the Company's books at their actual cost, exclusive of interest, a policy which, though it seriously affects earnings during the period of construction, will I feel sure appeal to you as a sound one to follow. Our outlay on properties not as yet fully developed is over 17 acres, but some of these will be completed during this year, when, instead of being a drag on the Company, they will yield an addition to our income. Turning to the debit side of the account you will see that our charges have not increased, but the amount expended on repairs is some \$4,000 more. The deprecations of white ants, which during 1903 were from some cause unknown unusually great, especially on the higher levels, entailed this additional expenditure in order to keep our property in first-class order. Our outlay in respect of fire insurances remains about the same, notwithstanding the 25 per cent. increase in rates, to which I alluded at last meeting. The saving we effected by ourselves carrying a portion of the insurance on our best risks, upon which we fortunately escaped any loss, more than counterbalanced the extra premium paid at the higher scale. Rates having again been reduced to their former level we have now reverted to the insuring in full of all buildings. These remarks will I trust tend to elucidate the published statement now before you. You will recollect, gentlemen, that at our annual meeting in 1901 you approved of the placing of \$500,000 to equalisation of divided fund, with the object of insuring a steady return on your investment for some time to come, and having regard to that understanding your directors recognise that it is incumbent at 12 per cent. with the assistance of a portion of that fund, hence the transfer therefrom of \$250,000, which will start the current year with a balance in hand of an amount approximating that carried forward to 1903. They trust that in the near future conditions will so change as to admit of their showing a larger sum at credit under the heading of profit on sales of property, as well as of rents, and are hopeful that if they have to encroach upon equalisation of dividend fund in order to maintain the return to you, it will not be necessary to do so to the same extent. In connection with the scheme for the improvement of the Eastern district, to which I alluded last year, progress has unfortunately been delayed by difficulties raised in unexpected quarters, but the carrying out of the project has we understand not by any means been abandoned. The sooner a start is made with the work the better it will be for the Colony. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

No questions were asked.

The CHAIRMAN made the motion accordingly.

Mr. LEIGH—Gentlemen, you have just heard the remarks made by our Chairman. The year has certainly been a bad one, the chief deficiency in profit being owing to the low sales of property, but land and houses are very scarce and do not run away, so if they have not been sold during the past year, the Company still possesses them, and I believe that I am right in saying that until a sale is actually completed, the property remains in the Company's books at its cost price, so that, when good times come again, they must do, the Company can then realise the profits on the properties it has been developing during the bad times. The chief causes for the present stagnation in property as pointed out by our Chairman are tight money, the uncertainty of exchange, and local legislation. I will not attempt to say anything regarding the first two of these, as they are better known and understood by all of you, than they are by myself, but as regards the third I know and feel how seriously this has acted and is acting to the detriment of property, more especially amongst the Chinese, who it must be remembered hold nine-tenths of the property in this Colony and who do not fully understand

and therefore mistrust (and rightly so) new legislation regarding property. When the present Public Health and Building Ordinance was passed on 21st February last, and was the outcome of several previous Ordinances, which were brought forward and withdrawn, it was hoped by all interested in property that we had at last arrived at some finality and that the constant alterations in the law, which had been taking place ever since Ordinance 15 of 1889 was issued, would now cease. Such, unfortunately, is not the case and on 20th November last the Government Gazette contained over six pages of amendments and I understand a great number more are under consideration. While such constant changes continue property must remain insecure and cannot hold, as it should do, the first place as an investment. As regards the property held by the Company, and at present unlet, this will, we must all hope, soon right itself; it is a state of things which has never happened before for the Colony has always suffered from a lack of home accommodation, especially for the Chinese, but to-day there is, no doubt, a large number of unoccupied Chinese houses both in Hongkong and Kowloon. It is the old question that has taxed all the large cities of the world, and that is, how to get the inhabitants, especially the working classes, to leave the central and overcrowded districts, and live farther afield. The wisdom of having an equalisation of dividend fund is now amply shown, and we must congratulate ourselves in having such a fund, and look forward to the good years which are sure to come again when we shall be able to replenish that fund. (Applause.) I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. MURRAY BAIN moved the confirmation of the appointment, as a director, of Mr. E. Shelton who had been invited to take the place of D. M. Mosses (resigned) on the directors.

Mr. R. C. WILCOX seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. GASKELL moved the re-election of the retiring directors, Messrs. A. J. Raymond and J. H. Lewis.

Mr. HO TUNG seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. H. W. SLADE moved the re-election of Messrs. T. Arnold and C. W. May.

Mr. J. R. MICHAEL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

This was all the business.

The CHAIRMAN said that dividend warrants would be ready to-day (Thursday).

WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifteenth annual ordinary meeting of the West Point Building Co., Ltd., was held yesterday at the Company's offices, Victoria Buildings. Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., (chairman), presided, and there were also present Hon. C. W. Dickinson, Mr. A. G. Wood, Mr. A. J. Raymond (directors), Mr. J. H. Lewis, Mr. J. R. Michael, Mr. R. K. Leigh, Mr. L. S. Lewis, Mr. A. G. Morris, Mr. J. M. Grange, and Mr. A. Shelton Hooper (secretary).

The SECRETARY read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, with your permission we will take the report and accounts as read. The net profits for the past year were \$40,988.40 as against \$38,914.27 for 1902, the difference being principally brought about by a saving of \$3,000 in repairs, and an increase in fire insurance premium of about \$1,100. The present lease of the property expires on the 31st March, 1904, and we have received offers from other parties to lease the property for a term of six years at an increased rental. Your directors have, after consideration, decided to accept the best offer made, but have reserved the right of cancelling the new lease after two years in case the property is sold, on giving the lessee six months' notice, and we feel sure that the course we have pursued will meet with your entire approval. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

Mr. MORRIS—Do I understand you to say that for two years we cannot cancel the lease?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes; in fact rather more than two years—two years and six months.

Mr. MORRIS—After the expiration of two years you have to give six months' notice?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes.

Mr. MORRIS—That could not have been read, I suppose?

The CHAIRMAN—No; the present lease is exactly on the same terms—after two years.

Mr. MORRIS—It is impossible to reduce that?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes.

There being no further questions,

The CHAIRMAN moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. LEWIS seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. MORRIS moved the confirmation as a director of Mr. A. G. Wood, who had taken the place of Mr. C. S. Sharp, retired.

Mr. LEIGH seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. J. R. MICHAEL moved the re-election to the directorate of Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Wood.

Mr. LEIGH seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. GRACE moved the re-election of Mr. C. W. May as auditor.

Mr. LEWIS seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

This was all the business.

The CHAIRMAN said that dividend warrants would be ready to-day (Thursday).

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LD.

THIRD ORDINARY MEETING.

The third ordinary meeting of shareholders in this Company was held at the Company's office, Victoria Buildings, yesterday, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903. Those present were Hon. C. S. Dickinson (chairman), Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., and Messrs. E. C. Wilcox, E. Shelton, and Ho Tung (directors); Messrs. H. C. Wilcox, Ho Kam Tong, Ho Fook, A. Shelton Hooper, R. K. Leigh, Ho Cheung Shiu, H. N. Mody, A. Howard, A. J. Raymond, C. H. Ross, and M. S. Northcote (secretary).

After the notice convening the meeting had been read, the CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having been with you for some days we may, I presume, take them as read. We are still necessarily passing through the period of expenditure, but I am pleased to inform you that our Reclamation Work at Kowloon Point continues to progress steadily and satisfactorily. During the year we added nine more houses to our property at Yau-mai, and these are for the most part well let. The balance-sheet now before you does not appear to call for any special comment, but before moving the adoption of the accounts and report I shall be pleased to answer any questions regarding them you may wish to put.

There being no questions the CHAIRMAN said—I beg to propose that the report and accounts be passed.

Mr. A. J. RAYMOND seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. H. C. WILCOX proposed, Mr. HO KAM TUNG seconded, and it was agreed, that the appointment of Mr. E. Shelton as a director to take the place of Mr. D. M. Mosses resigned be confirmed.

Mr. HO FOOK proposed, Mr. LO CHEUNG SHIU seconded, and it was agreed, that Messrs. R. C. Wilcox and E. Shelton be re-elected directors.

Mr. A. HOWARD proposed, Mr. SHELTON seconded, and it was agreed that Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'P. Gourdin be re-elected auditors.

That was all the business.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held to-day at 4.15 p.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Reply from Government to the Board's recommendation regarding the resumption of Gough Street Latrine.

2. Correspondence relative to the stalls in the Shek Tong Tui Market.

3. Minute by the Acting Medical Officer of Health relative to Section 153 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

4. The President, pursuant to notice, will move—

That the Board, under the provisions of Section 30 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, deputise Inspector S. M. Gidley to institute summary proceedings before a Magistrate against any person contravening any of the By-laws duly made under Section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, when so directed in writing by the Acting Medical Officer of Health.

That the Board, under the provisions of Section 256 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, deputise Inspector S. M. Gidley to institute summary proceedings before a Magistrate for the recovery of any penalty imposed by Part II. of the said Ordinance or any By-law made thereunder, when so directed in writing by the Acting Medical Officer of Health.

5. Letter from the Sanitary Surveyor recommending that Inspector E. Duncan be deputed by the Board to institute summary proceedings and to recover penalties.

6. Colonel W. S. Webb, R.A.M., pursuant to notice, will move—That the Board recommend the Government to take the necessary steps to improve the sanitary condition (up to the Military Boundary) of the road leading from Hill Street to Lower Belcher Fort, and to supply adequate latrine accommodation for the Chinese in this part.

7. Plan of a public latrine to be erected on the west side of the Bowring Canal.

8. Applications for exemption from the provision of open spaces in respect of Nos. 1, 23, 25, 29 and 41, Reclamation Street, Yau-mai, Nos. 2, 14, 16, 50, 52 and 71, Battery Street, Yau-mai, and Nos. 1 to 55, Panjab Buildings, Kowloon.

9. Further correspondence relative to connecting the floors of opium dens on upper storeys.

10. Further letter from Messrs. Palmer and Turner and minute by the Acting Medical Officer of Health thereon.

11. Application for permission to continue using the kitchen on the ground-floor of No. 14, Arbuthnot Road.

12. Application for permission to erect a latrine on the roof of No. 1, Gilman Street.

13. Complaints as to Chinese washing soiled clothes in the northern surface channel, on Bonham Road.

14. Application for permission to erect iron bars on the verandah of No. 320, Des Vaux Road West, First floor.

15. Correspondence relative to Chinese fire-places, etc., with tracings showing same.

16. Application for licences and for the renewal of licences for the sale of food for man outside the Markets.

17. Minute by the Acting Medical Officer of Health relative to cabicels and screens on ground floors.

18. Mortality statistics for the weeks ended the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November, and the 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th December, 1903.

19. Rat Return for the fortnight ended 15th January, 1904.

20. Lime-washing Return for the fortnight ended 19th January, 1904.

That was all the business.

GERMAN CELEBRATIONS AT HONGKONG.

THE BIRTHDAY OF KAISER WILHELM II. Yesterday, being the birthday of the Kaiser, it was suitably celebrated by the German community. Business offices, of course, had to remain open, but the holiday was observed with full honours on S.M.S. *Moeve*. In the evening a musical entertainment was held by the *Moeve*'s crew at the Kowloon Dock reading-room, and later a birthday dinner was given at the German Club, Wilhelm II, German Emperor, and King of Prussia was born in 1859, and became German Emperor in June 1888.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 27th January.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (PUBIC JUDGE).

CLAIM BY A. ROSS AND CO.

There was again called the case in which Messrs. A. Ross & Co., 4, Des Vaux Road Central, and the Ching Hop firm, Wing Lok Street, for \$708.11, being loss on resale of wire rigging of which the defendants refused delivery. Mr. E. A. Bonner, of Messrs. Donnys and Rowley, solicitors, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. J. Hastings, solicitor, for the defendants.

The claim was for damages in respect of a breach of contract for the sale of some wire rigging. The contract was dated 18th December, 1902, and was for 50 tons of old wire rigging, of fair quality, not too much worn or rusted, and of no good quality as possible, the goods to arrive by January or February shipments. Defendants refused the goods on the ground that they had not been delivered within contract time. When the case was last before the Court on the 14th inst., an adjournment was made to allow of the attendance of Mr. Thomson to give evidence regarding the contract on behalf of the plaintiffs.

Mr. Bonner said he had had a letter from Mr. Thomson stating that he was unable to attend through an affection of his eyesight.

His Lordship remarked that he thought plaintiffs would have to pay the costs of that hearing.

Mr. Hastings asked whether it was any use making a further adjournment?

His Lordship replied that he did not think it was. He was perfectly certain himself about the matter, subject to anything Mr. Bonner had to argue or Mr. Thomson should have said. He accordingly gave judgment for the defendants and costs, because he was of opinion that plaintiffs did not carry out their contract, they should have delivered 50 tons within a certain time, whereas they offered only 30 tons. Even supposing the defendants had taken delivery of these 30 tons they could repudiate the whole contract if the whole 50 tons did not come within the proper time.

The Court adjourned.

POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 27th January.

BEFORE MR. H. J. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

LEAVING SERVICE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Zerdad, alias Zeredad Khan, watchman employed by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, was charged at the instance of Mr. R. E. Unsworth, of that company, with leaving without due notice.

It appeared that defendant early in the month asked for his certificate, under the pretext that his late master had returned to the Colony, and if he showed his certificate he thought his late master would give him a better one. Asked if he intended to leave, defendant said "No."

In evidence it was proved that he was on duty on the 14th inst., but failed to appear on the 15th inst., leaving his gate unprotected. It was subsequently discovered that the defendant had taken service at the Naval Yard.

Defendant said he left because part of his wages remained unpaid. This was proved in evidence to be untrue, and His Worship fined him \$50, with the alternative of 1 month's imprisonment, as a deterrent.

KIDNAPPING.

Inspector McVay presented a boarding-house keeper, named So Lam, residing at No. 11, Reclamation Street, and 4 other men who reside at No. 376, Queen's Road West, for deceiving and enticing away from the lawful possession and care of their guardians two boys, aged respectively 12 and 13 years. Mr. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, solicitors, appeared on behalf of the first defendant. The boys had been taken to the house of the third defendant, and there dressed in new clothes, and taken on board the *Lightning* for the purpose of being taken to Singapore. After hearing evidence on both sides His Worship said that there was not enough evidence to connect the first and second defendants with the kidnapping, and they were accordingly discharged. The third defendant was sentenced to 6 months' hard labour and 6 hours in the stocks; the fourth and fifth defendants being sentenced to 3 months' hard labour and 6 hours in the stocks.

MARINE COURT.

Wednesday 27th January.

BEFORE HON. BASIL TAYLOR (ACTING MARINE MAGISTRATE).

Li Kan, a boatman, was charged by Arthur Connell (P. C. 23) with unlawfully disobeying the orders of the Harbour Master in Victoria Harbour on the 23rd inst.

The defendant pleaded not guilty.

The plaintiff deposed that on the 23rd inst., at 7.30 p.m., second-class cargo boat 580 was made fast to Douglas East buoy. He had previously warned defendant about making fast to this buoy, and steamship people were complaining about the practice. Defendant was not aboard—an old woman was in charge. He took the licence and left word for the master (defendant) to come to the Water Police Station. He arrived yesterday and deposited a bail of \$10.

The defendant had no questions, but said he had gone to Canton. The wind was so strong that the boat was made fast to the buoy.

Convicted; \$3 or ten days.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

[VIA AUSTRALIA.]

THE FAR EASTERN CHINESE—BRITISH ACTIVITY. London, 4th January.

The Johannesburg correspondent of the *Daily Express* reports that the War Office has called to the officers of regulars the South African Constabulary to join their regiments immediately. The *Daily Express* affirms that the Government is strengthening the garrison at Malta.

The Admiralty denies that it is its intention to send the battleships *Formidable* and *Irresistible* and the cruiser *Vindictive*, and also another belonging to the British Mediterranean squadron to China, but says that Portsmouth is prepared with vessels to replace any that may be hurriedly despatched from the Mediterranean to the Far East.

POLICING OF CHINESE PORTS. London, 6th January.

S. James's Gazette urges that the policing of Chinese ports in the event of war breaking out between Russia and Japan should be entrusted to the United States and Great Britain.

NOTICE.

Owing to the Great Increase in the Furniture Business of Messrs. ACHEE & CO., we are requested by them to Resume Management of the Photographic Business hitherto carried on in their name on our behalf. From this date we will continue the Photographic business at the same place under the name of

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RUSSIAN PRESS OPINIONS.

London, 7th January.

Princes Ukhtomsky's organ at St. Petersburg, the *Obitza Vyedomosti*, states that Japan is seeking to impose upon Russia heavy sacrifices, to deprive Russia of her position in China, and to cut her off from her entirely. If Russia yielded now, the Japanese Chauvinists would make fresh and wider demands. War is certainly a scourge, but peace may be a worse scourge. It would be better to choose the lesser of two evils.

The *Times* states that the demand of the *Novoe Vremya* of St. Petersburg for the open appropriation of Manchuria by Russia is vigorously combated in the provinces. The *Novosti* of Odessa and other leading organs demand the rendition of Manchuria. Commercial circles support this demand.

SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER OUTSIDE.

Moderate to strong N.E. monsoon.

The P. & O. freighter *Socotra*, Capt. C. J. Benton, R.N.R., arrived from London with a quantity of general cargo yesterday. She is a fine big iron decked cargo steamer, propelled by twin-screws. So profitable were her initial voyages, and those of her sister-ship the *Candia*, that the P. & O. decided to give an order to Sir William Duxford of Sunderland for a further steamer of the same description as the *Clan* liners hailing from Glasgow. The result—we have seen the unsightly but very useful steamer at Hongkong—was the *s.s. Banca*. On the voyage up from Singapore the *Socotra* experienced strong monsoon and high sea; she is bound for Shanghai.

A strong passage is reported by Capt. Passmore of the *Douglas s.s. Haiman*.

The *Haiman* left Tamsai on the 24th; Amoy 25th; and Swatow 26th. She arrived here yesterday.

MOJI COAL.

Three thousand tons of Moji coal arrived by the *s.s. Anara*. Strong N.E. monsoon was experienced on the voyage from Japan.

SHANGHAI TO HONGKONG.

Capt. Layer of the China Navigation *s.s. Whampoa* reports strong N.E. monsoon on the voyage and high sea on the voyage from Shanghai via Swatow.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes *s.s. Yarra* arrived yesterday, having left Marseilles on the 27th ult.; Saigon on the 22nd inst. Strong monsoon was experienced on her last passage.

THE *s.s. SALAMANCA* CHARTERED.

The *s.s. Salamanca* is to leave Hongkong shortly to take a cargo of coal from Kuching to Manila. She has been here about three months.

THE CHINA MERCHANTS *s.s. N. CO.*

The China Merchants steamers are very regular on the Shanghai-Canton run. The latest arrival from the northern port was yesterday—it was the *s.s. Mei Foo*. Capt. J. Whitlock reports fresh to strong monsoon to Lamook.

THE *s.s. "TELEMACHUS"*.

The *s.s. Telemachus*, the steamer which landed Mr. J. W. Jackson at Cape Yavilla when the *s.s. Bink Thuan* was wrecked there, arrived from Saigon yesterday with 1,230 tons of rice consigned to Chinese. Capt. Williamson reports strong monsoon and high sea.

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At a monthly meeting of the General Com-
mittee of the Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce held in the Chamber Room, City
Hall, on Tuesday, 12th January, 1904, at 3.45
p.m. Present: Mr. E. A. Hewett (Chairman),
Hon. C. W. Dickson, Messrs. C. Micholus,
N. A. Sibley, J. R. M. Smith, H. E. Tomkins,
E. C. Wilcox, Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C.,
(ex officio) and A. R. Lowe (Secretary).
Absent:—Mr. D. R. Law (Vice-Chairman) and
Mr. A. G. Wood.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of the 1st ult.
were read and confirmed.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

The Secretary reported that Messrs. Deacon
and Hastings had resigned their membership as
from the 31st December, 1903.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Secretary reported that the China and
Japan Telephone and Electric Company Limited
and Messrs. Deacon, Looker, and Deacon had
been elected to membership since the last
meeting, subject to the usual confirmation by
the members at the next annual general
meeting.

EXPLOSIVES ON BOARD STEAMERS IN THE
HARBOUR.
The following communication from the Go-
vernment was read.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
December 11th, 1903.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 30th
ultimo I am directed to transmit for the infor-
mation of your Chamber the enclosed copy of
instructions which have been issued by the
Acting Harbour Master for the guidance of
Officers in his Department in reference to ves-
sels arriving in the harbour and carrying small
quantities of dangerous goods.

These instructions have also been issued by
the Police Officers on boarding duty who in
some cases board vessels before the regular
Boarding Officers of the Harbour Department.

While His Excellency the Governor Admini-
stering the Government hopes that the Cham-
ber of Commerce will be satisfied with the re-
laxation of the law he has instructed me to point
out that in this free port more stringency is
required than at the Treaty Ports in China,
which are protected by the Customs establish-
ment, and that it is necessary to keep in the
hands of the proper authorities complete con-
trol of ammunition and such like goods arriving
in the Colony.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sd.) A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

1. Should the vessel boarded have on board
not more than 100 lbs. of Gunpowder, seven
cases of Safety Cartridges, or 6 of Acids, and
the manifest be shown to the Officer boarding
her, he shall exempt her from going to the
Dangerous Goods Anchorage, unless special
circumstances render it advisable for him to
consult me before so exempting her.

2. Should she have a larger quantity, 15 or
20 cases of Safety Cartridges, he may exempt her
at his discretion.

3. In no case shall he so exempt any vessel
having on board more than 8 cases of Acids, 25
cases of Safety Cartridges, 100 lbs. of
Gunpowder, or any quantity of other dangerous
goods.

4. He will inform me, at once, of each case in
which he has granted such exemption.

5. This exemption shall not relieve the vessel
of the obligation to furnish me with a copy of
the manifest immediately on arrival.

6. In any case of such exemption being
granted, the vessel shall also be exempted from
flying the red flag.

(Sd.) BASIL TAYLOR,
Acting Harbour Master.

8th December, 1903.
The Chairman said that the Government had
not met the views of the Committee as fully as
was desired but it would be well to give the
new regulations a fair trial. After some
discussion, it was decided to point out to the
Government the necessity for the prompt
boarding of vessels before coming to an anchor
by the Harbour Office official, otherwise the
efficiency of the new regulations would be
impaired.

LICENSING PILOTS.
The following correspondence was read:—
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1903.

SIR,—I have the honour to remind you that a
long correspondence passed last year between
the Government and this Chamber with re-
ference to the suggestion put forward by my
Committee for the pilots of this port to register
themselves with, and prove their qualifications
before a Board having the requisite authority
from the Government to act.

It will be remembered that stress was laid on
the fact that the pilots of to-day are of inferior
calibre to their predecessors, and that there was
a growing tendency amongst them to disregard
and wilfully ignore ordinary precautions
necessary not only for the safety of the
vessels in their charge whilst under way in
narrow waters, but of others either at anchor or
alongside the wharves.

At the request of the Government a scheme
for holding Government examinations and
granting certificates was drawn up by the
Sub-Committee appointed (Messrs. E. A.
Hewett, A. Haupt, and W. Peate), and endorsed
by the General Committee, and forwarded to
the Government, who replied at some length to
the effect that it would place the Harbour
Master in an entirely false position if he had
to give certificates for qualification which such
officer cannot test. The Committee, in
further report, replied that at home and
abroad, it was a matter of course that the
Asianic ports this was satisfactorily managed,
and that, if necessary, the Licensing Board
need not be entirely composed of Government
officials, but might be supplemented by outside
experts.

It was also pointed out that, whilst there was a
demand for pilots in the Harbour, the Com-
mittee were against the institution of compulsory
piloting, also that the granting or refusing to
grant a certificate as suggested by the Govern-
ment could not be acted on by private individuals
without pecuniary responsibility, to which the
Government would not be liable. Much to my

Committee's regret, although the chief shipping
and agencies in the port were in favour
of the proposal, the Government finally notified
this Chamber on the 30th of January last that
His Excellency Sir Henry Blake was unable to
support the scheme.

I am now instructed to bring to your notice,
for the information of H.E. the Officer
Administering the Government, further facts
which have come to light relating to the recent
prosecution by the Harbour Master of the Jara-
China-Japan Line S.S. *Tippu* for negligent
navigation in the Harbour on the 24th ultimo,
which the Committee of this Chamber consider
strengthens their contention that the pilots
should be brought under the control of a properly
constituted licensing body. It appears from
the information gathered by the Chamber that
this ship arrived off Lyseum Pass at 8 p.m.
on the 24th ultimo and took on board a Chinese
pilot provided by the company's storehouse—
one of the leading firms of this class in Hong-
kong. It is worthy of mention that there were
several saunas about, whose occupants were
signalling with the red & white pilot flag,
signifying their willingness to act as pilots.

On learning that the *Tippu* was from
Amoy, the pilot affirmed, although the master
strongly expressed his disbelief in the fact, that
Amoy was an infected port and the ship must
therefore fly the yellow flag and anchor in
Chung Kwang Bay for the night. Knowing
the penalties for ignoring the Quarantine
Regulations, the master decided not to run
any risks. On entering the Harbour the
pilot, according to the Chief Officer of the
port boarded the steamer, demanded to know
why the yellow flag was flying, and on being
told the reason, said the pilot was a fool and
evidently did not know his business. As the
result of this incorrect information sup-
plied by the pilot the ship lost 12
hours before reaching her anchorage. In
coming down the Southern fairway to seek
anchorage room, with the master on the bridge
and chief officer on forecastle head, nothing
was noticed indicating that a wreck was
submerged. The two salvage junks may have
had a red flag up, but in the order prevailing
this was not noticeable. Moreover, the two
buoys were coloured a rusty red and were
indistinguishable from the ordinary fairway
buoy. It may here be remarked that the follow-
ing day steps were taken to paint the wrecking
buoys green, with "Wreck" in unimistake-
ble white letters.

Further, on account of the slack state of the
tide, steamers were lying at their buoys in all
directions, it was undoubtedly difficult to define
the fairways or to find a suitable place to
anchor. The pilot eventually fixed on a space,
but his knowledge afterwards proved to be at
fault, the steamer had actually to move her
ground to prevent fouling neighbouring
vessels. On the 28th ultimo, to be the
Harbour Master, the captain was fined \$50—
for negligent navigation in the Harbour, and
ordered to make good any damage done by
his vessel fouling the wreck buoys over
the remains of the *Pahkan*. Had the
buoys been properly marked the captain and
chief officer would undoubtedly have kept
clear of the wreck and taken the ship out of
the pilot's hands in time to prevent the mishap,
but the pilot directed the ship between the buoys,
thus proving by his want of local knowledge
that he was incapable of acting as such, in
addition, as shown above, he was unable to find
a suitable anchorage.

It will be apparent to His Excellency that
masters of steamers coming into this in-
creasingly crowded Harbour must rely to a
great extent on the advice of a local pilot,
otherwise they would not employ these men. It
is therefore very hard on the masters not to be
allowed to bring the pilot up before the
Harbour Master for punishment, or at any
rate to give evidence as to the facts in the case
of an accident, and it does not alter the fact
that here in Hongkong, with an amount of
shipping entered by only two ports in the
world, we have uncertified pilots placed in
charge of shipping.

As has been pointed out in the past, many
commanders are obliged, on arrival at the en-
trance of the harbour, to take the first man as
pilot who boards his ship, without having any
means of knowing whether he is capable of
handling the vessel properly or not. Certain
commanders, as the commander of the
Tippu, learn too late of the utter in-
competence of the men they have employed.
This is not possible at Penang, or Singapore;
why, then, at Hongkong? Hongkong has an
unenviable record as the only British port
either at home or in the Colonies where nu-
merous pilots are allowed to ply for hire.

The Chamber hopes that His Excellency the
Officer Administering the Government may see
his way to consent to the licensing of all pilots
plying for hire within the limits of the port,
and thus rid it of a danger which menaces its
shipping.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sd.) A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied on the
19th of December, 1903, as follows:—
"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of the 14th inst. regarding the
question of the licensing of pilots, and to
inform you that the matter is now receiving
the attention of the Government."

FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.
The Official Report of the proceedings at the
meeting held in Montreal on 17th, 18th, 19th,
20th and 21st August last was laid on the table.

NEW GERMAN CUSTOMS TARIFF.
A letter was read from the Acting Colonial
Secretary stating that the German Government
had issued a notification indefinitely prolonging
the existing arrangements relating to the
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AUDITORS.
It was agreed to invite the previous year's
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Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [10-11]

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1904. [320]

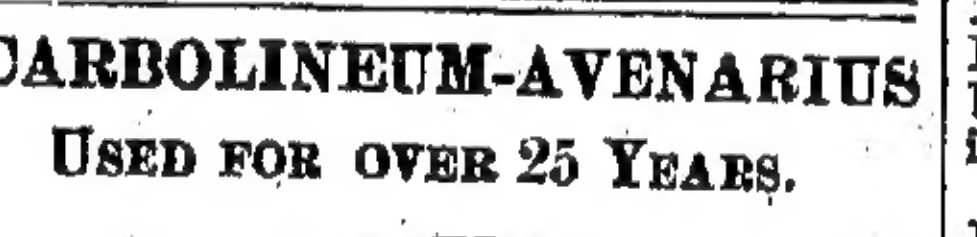
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